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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SEMINAR: TELECOMMUNICATIONS

REF: TUNIS 1050; (B) STATE 30840; (C) CASABLANCA 140

1. SEMINAR CHAIRMAN WILL BE DR. PAUL POLISHUK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF COMMERCE SINCE 1972. DR. POLISHUK CHAIRED THE 1974 TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS IN EASTERN EUROPE. HIS CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE DEVELOPING THE GOALS OF THE OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LIAISON WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NEW PROGRAM ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. DR. POLISHUK PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AT THE AIR FORCE FLIGHT DYNAMICS LABORATORY IN DAYTON, OHIO FROM 1956. HE ALSO WAS A PROFESSOR AT THE AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND A GUEST LECTURER AT THE VON KARMAN INSTITUTE FOR FLUID DYNAMICS IN BRUSSELS. HE HAS PUBLISHED MORE THAN 50 PAPERS IN THE FIELDS OF ELECTRONICS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHYSICS, INSTRUMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT

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SYSTEMS.

2. UPON REVIEW OF AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTAL PLANS WITHIN MAGHREB COUNTRIES DR. POLISHUK SEEKS POST CONCURRENCE ON THE BASIC RANKING OF TELECOMMUNICATION PRIORITIES IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL PRESENTATION SUBJECT MATTER THAT IS OPTIMALLY RESPONSIVE TO

THE FUTURE NEEDS OF EACH COUNTRY AS CAN BE MET BY AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY. THE PRESENT RANKING APPEARS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. SWITCHING--LARGE CENTRAL OFFICE AND PABX
- B. TRANSMISSION--ANALOG AND DIGITAL
- C. TEST EQUIPMENT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS' PLANT MAINTENANCE
- D. MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS--LAND AND MARINE
- E. DATA COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT--MODEM, MULTIPLEXERS AND TERMINALS
- F. RURAL TELEPHONE
- G. SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AND EARTH STATIONS
- H. TELEGRAPH
- I. TELEX
- J. RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT

4. TO AVOID DELAY IN OBTAINING SPEAKERS, WE WILL PROCEED TO INVITE U.S. INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE RANKING. IF ANY POST FINDS SIGNIFICANT DEVIATIONS OR IF SALES OPPORTUNITIES IN CERTAIN AREAS ARE IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO SOME RECENT OR IMMINENT CONTRACT AWARDS, PLEASE ADVISE SO THAT CORRECTIVE ACTION MAY BE TAKEN.

5. CROSLY ITINERARY CHANGE PER REFTEL C. BEING REVIEWED WITH VIEW TO REVERSING DIRECTION AND ONE WEEK POSTPONMENT AS OTHER POSTS FSL ALSO MAY BE IN BEIRUT APRIL 21-25.

6. NEW ITINERARY SUGGESTED PER REFTEL C: ARRIVE TUNIS SUN APR 27; ARRIVE ALGIERS WED APR 30; ARRIVE CASABLANCA MON MAY 5; ARRIVE RABAT WED MAY 7; DEPART FRI MAY 9. PLEASE ADJUST RESERVATIONS AND ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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